REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	d2s1-4983.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Image File Printout
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
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Country of Origin:	Not Stated
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Applicant:	Comptroller of Customs
Distributor:	Not Applicable
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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *d2s1-4983.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The computer image file printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The publication is exploitive. The printout contains a sexual image of a child. The pose focuses the viewer's attention on a young girl's naked body and on her undeveloped breasts and genitals. A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. By presenting sexualised images of young girls, the publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children. Such images also advance the idea that children are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.